

NOTTINGHAM CND

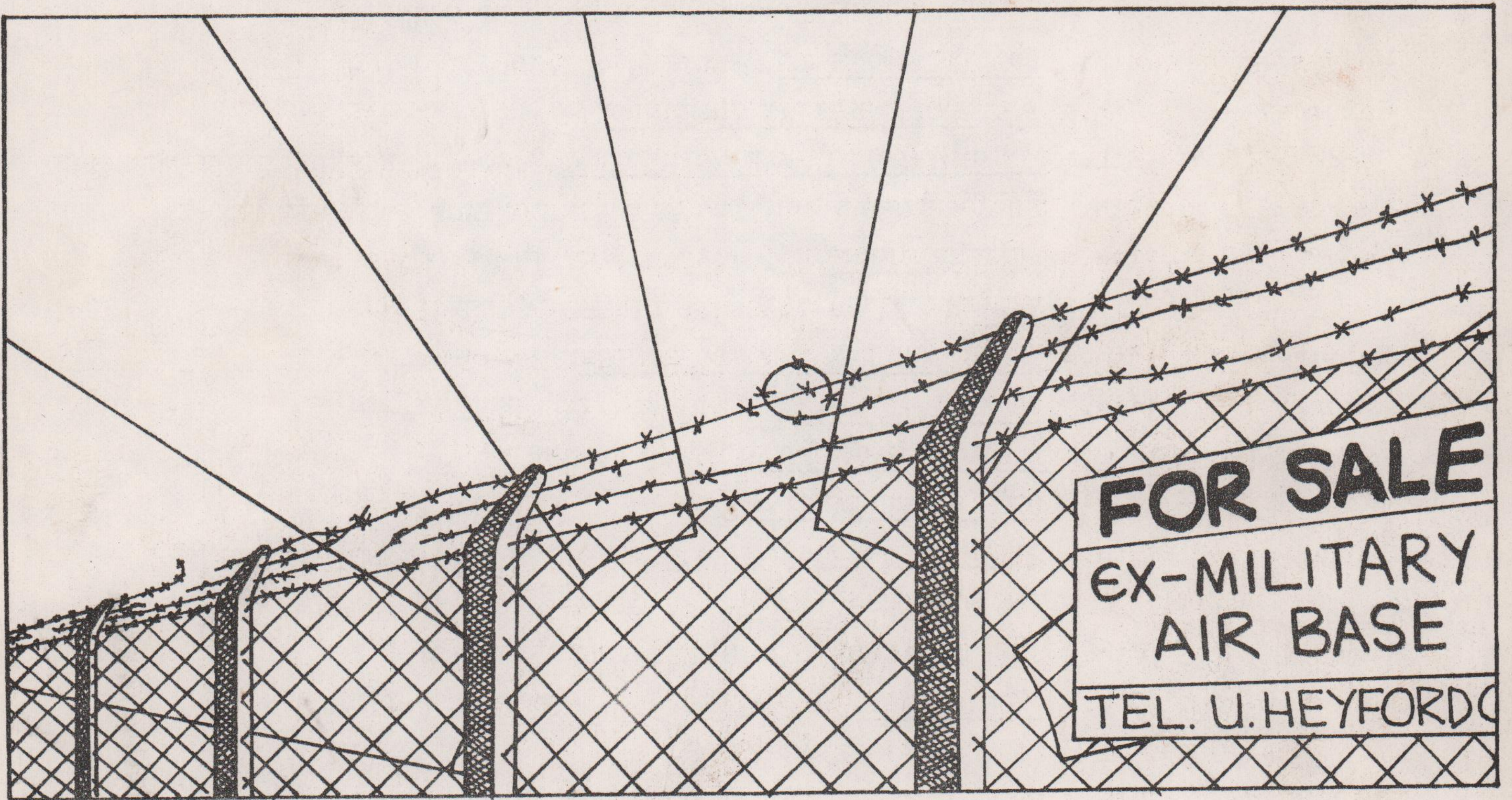
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TOGETHER WE CAN CLOSE
USAF UPPER HEYFORD
MAY 31st - JUNE 3rd



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COMMENT

Time is short, Cruise will be here by December; a new local government is about to be elected; and a general election may be upon us soon.

There is plainly still much to do.

The Easter demonstrations generated a vast amount of media interest, and for this we may congratulate ourselves.

However, demonstrations such as these have rarely changed anything. What really matters is how and whether we can get our arguments across - and this is when we can all get involved. We may not be able to, or even willing to participate in NCND, or any local CND activity, but talking to people, anyone, is what we must all do. It is particularly important to counter the arguments of Heseltine and his cronies.

Regardless of our personal politics there is a part for all of us to play; those of us who are members of a political party must work within that party to promote our policies, and to make sure that the parties that claim to support us actually DO something.

Being a local based movement, different people will have different approaches, there is room for all of these in CND, and we must not get ourselves trapped into arguments about tactics, or into adopting a single approach.

There is a part for every member and supporter to play, if they do not or cannot play it we are that much weaker as a movement.

NOTICES

Office Hours

On Thursdays, the office will only be open from 12 Noon to 2pm for enquiries and the sale of badges.

Bulletin Deadline

Entries for the June Bulletin should be submitted by May 4th. Entries for July should be received by June 1st.

**STOP
CRUISE
IN '83**

UPPER HEYFORD

U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford is one of NATO's most important bases in Europe, and is operated by 7,000 U.S. Air Force personnel.

The base contains 71 long-range F1-11 aircraft; each carries 6 nuclear warheads, each with the destructive capacity of 14 Hiroshima bombs.

Ten of these F1-11's are on permanent standby. The base has been fully operational since 1950 and has just started expanding to house a wing of 18 NEW EF1-11's; which are capable of electronically jamming radar and flying undetected to their targets.

The peace camp at Upper Heyford was set up on Easter Sunday 1982, and is planning a nationwide blockading of the base from May 31st to June 3rd.

The blockade has been divided into six shifts with the Midlands being asked to provide blockaders on Wednesday June 1st from Noon to Midnight. Throughout the blockade there will be a women only gate.

A large number of people are going to be needed for this action; apart from actual blockaders, minibus drivers are going to be essential, as there is no parking near the base. If anyone is willing to drive to the base, drop people off and return for them later, we need you!

Also, anyone willing to go and 'support' the blockade, i.e. by making coffee, singing, or just by being there; you are needed too. All people taking part in the blockade will need to have undergone NVDA training BEFORE they get to Upper Heyford, Robert Layton and Mark Page at the NCND office will arrange for training and transport. Please let us know, by using the form at the back of the bulletin, or by phone to the office if you wish to participate.

TOGETHER WE CAN CLOSE UPPER HEYFORD.

GREENHAM

From July 4th to 8th there is going to be a 4 day blockade at Greenham Common.

Lots of women are going to be needed, in all capacities for this action which is hoped will seriously disrupt all work being done there.

Women from the Midlands are asked to try and be there for the 7th.

If you wish to be a local contact for this action send SAE to July 4th Action, Greenham Office, 5 Leonard St., London EC2.



May 24th. is International Women's Day For Disarmament.

Nottingham Women For Peace are organising five days of action - May 24th - 28th. A women's peace

force will be created during this period. As at Greenham Common last December, women are asked to bring personal articles symbolising things dear to them; symbols of life. Articles should be brought to us at St. Peter's Gate, 8am. - 8pm., to be fixed to the railings there.

Throughout this time there will be an information stall at St. Peter's Gate and various events such as street theatre, music and the showing of a very moving video of Dr. Helen Caldicott.

As well as participating in the action, we need women to help us in publicising and organising. Please get in touch.

In the last year, the women's peace movement has made a great impact.

Nottingham Women For Peace is just one of many groups that have sprung up all over the country. This is a large and varied group open to all women, which hopes to combine self - education and support for each other with campaigning, direct action and talking to other women. Please join us if you can. We usually meet on Tuesdays at Manning School, Gregory Boulevard, during term time.

Contact: 32, Shakespeare St Tel.250756

Atomic Café

"The Atomic Cafe" is a feature length film created entirely from American propaganda of the 1940's and 1950's.

Using excerpts from T.V. and radio shows, propaganda films, cartoons and forgotten "bomb songs", -"Atomic Cafe" is by turns ridiculous and horrifying. It lays bare the government efforts to promote the beauty, accuracy and strategic necessity of the Bomb; and the survivability of atomic war.

There is a direct link between the lunacy portrayed in the film and propaganda today; for example, -the U.S. postal service announced THIS year, plans to print emergency "change of address" cards in the event of nuclear war!

Do try and see it; Robert Layton.

Lessons we can learn

I'll try to give some constructive criticism for people who are going on CND events because several times at Burghfield & at Aldermaston I became very concerned about the images which were created.

It's the publicity we get and the images that are created which mould public opinion, either in our favour, or against us. Here are a few points I would like people to consider;

1) Anarchy. If you're a genuine anarchist, fine, feel free to wear anarchy symbols & sell our newspapers. However, if you're shouting "anarchy" for effect and don't understand what the term implies, please don't do so when the media is around, (a lot of people think of anarchy as nihilism and chaos - we don't want everyone to think we're all left-wing extremists) our image is so important.

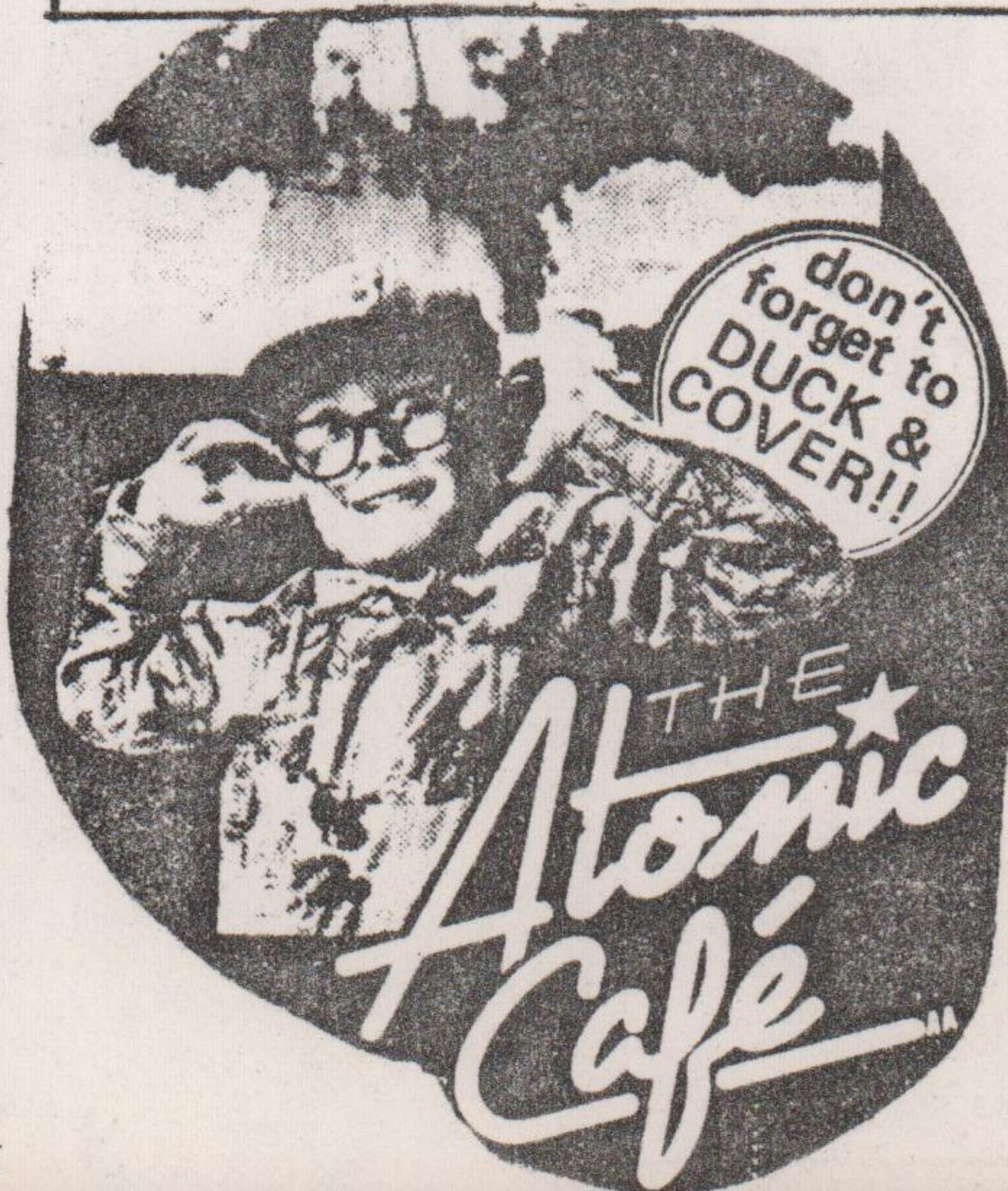
2) Transport problems. Do expect problems in finding your coach for the return journey following mass events. I believe the problems on Good Friday caused by police resistance to suggestions to turn the main road, (pick up alley), into a one-way route for the day.

3) Blockading plans. Don't try to make strategic changes during a blockade, it can cause a great deal of tension - as happened at Burghfield.

4) Blockading success. Don't feel let down if you're not arrested. Non-violence training puts an emphasis on arrest, the worst that can happen, so that participants can talk about their fears of arrest and can find out what is likely to happen should they be arrested. We do not aim to get arrested, our aim is usually to close a base for a limited amount of time.

5) Singing & dancing. Do sing and dance at mass events. It's good for morale, helps to counter tension in confrontation situations and gets us some publicity. Do enjoy yourself at mass events and learn the words of peace movement songs.

Mark Page.



Showing
at the
Midland
Group
Carlton St.
May 19th - 21st.



PEACE PENTECOST

Christian CND are holding a major national peace festival and demonstration at USAF Upper Heyford over Whitsun weekend.

The main events are:-

- on Saturday - march starting at 1100 from Bicester to the base (7 miles)
- act of worship and festival outside the base. On Saturday night and Sunday morning - overnight vigil and dawn eucharist.
- On Sunday - NVDA workshops and training.
- On Monday - non-violent direct action for those who have done the training on the Sunday.

We want as many Christians as possible to come. Others are equally welcome just on the Saturday, or for the whole weekend. Camping/caravan space is available.

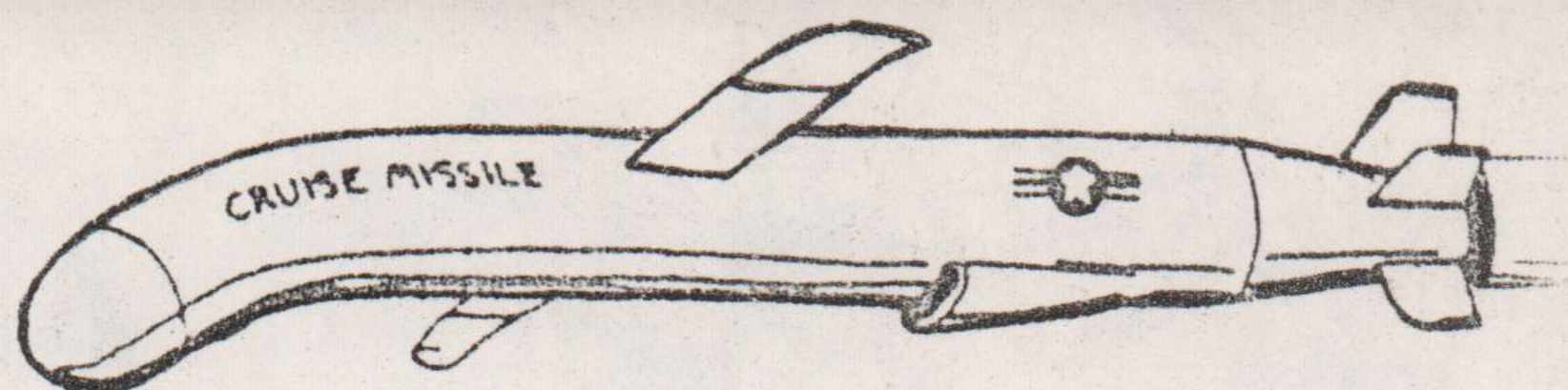
THIS IS A MAJOR ACT OF WITNESS FOR PEACE AND AGAINST THE IMMORALITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

If you want to join a coach party or just want more details, phone Barbara Lacey, Nottingham 604961.

christian cnd

- A specialist section for CND working with the churches.
- We produce a newsletter 'Ploughshare' and other literature
- We hold conferences, vigils and other events.
- In 1983 we will be holding a demonstration on May 21st (Peace Pentecost).
- We desperately need funds to be able to continue our work

For information contact the Christian CND National Organiser, Barbara Eggleston at:
11 Goodwin St, London N4. 01-263-0977



Calling Cyclists

Our attention has been drawn to a large number of ant - nuclear cycling events over the next few months, so it's time to take the advice of one of our illustrious so - called leaders and "GET ON YOUR BIKE".

Firstly and most importantly (it brings us money), is the Great Nottingham Bike Ride, to take place on Sunday, June 26th., between Nottingham & Newark, organised by Pedals; the Nottingham cycling campaign. NCND will be entering riders, so please fill in the sponsor form and try and raise some MONEY.

Starting on July 2nd., and lasting 7 - 8 weeks, is another sponsored ride, this time Greenham Common to Comiso (Cruise Missile base in Sicily). This is being organised by Lynda Bostock, a member of Chippenham CND and may be contacted at: 33 Chelwood Close, Chippenham, North Wilts. Tel: Chippenham 657938.

On July 23rd., there are two Mass Bike Rides, one to Greenham Common (from anywhere you like), and the other from Glasgow to Faslane. July 23rd. is also the date of Greenham's "Air Tatoo" (Open Day). Again, both events are sponsored.

If you are interested, contact Mark or Andy at the office.

YOUTH CND

May 7th

Hello!

I'm sure all of you are dead narked because there isn't a National Demo. in London 'til October. But there is!!

On May 7th there is the National Youth C.N.D. Demo. & Festival in Brockwell Park and its going to be ACE! Paul Weller, Hazel O'Connor and Neil Innes are among the famous names performing and its all FREE! Except, of course, travel. WE've booked coaches and the cost of tickets is:

£2. 75. unwaged.

£4. 00. waged.

If you think you're too old to go on a demo arranged by Y.C.N.D, you're wrong. We want everyone down there. So get your tickets from the office or ring me.

See you there,
Candida.



HANG IN, "AND DROP OFF"

With "Ronald & The Ray Guns"

Hey man, here's the line up! - Frantic Fran on recorder. Nice-one Nick on guitar. Smooth backing from "ace of the strings" Alan on rhythm guitar. Out of retirement comes "pick that crazy banjo" Patrick (doubling up on ukelele). Drop out with Yehuda Trengrouse on fiddle, a great honour Ma'am. Looking very relaxed, the Parson Twins, helping out with wind. Nice to see Dilys reaching new heights on licorice stick...mm thats nice. Introducing Brenda, her performing dogs and a bucket of cold water.

Vocals: - Great to hear Peggy, Leila, Harry, Robin, Michael and Andy - six tonsils in tempo - on loan from "The Trent End".

Now for the cool news; the combo is not closed. We have room to squeeze in you. Yes, in fact, we know there are drums, bass, trombone, trumpet, accordian, saxophone and songsters out there in the near 2000 of NCND. Lack of talent is no barrier as you'll notice if you see us on the CND float in the May Day procession.

Phone Langley Mill 61409 for your chance of fame....and join in the fun with either instrument or vocal refrain. Isn't fun what you've been looking for?

ADVANCE NOTICE

Transport tickets for the CND Annual London Demonstration, this year to be held on the 22nd October, will be available from the

Prices are to be £7.00 waged and £5.50 unwaged. Persons booking before 31st. July will receive a 50p. discount. Under fives, not occupying a seat will require no ticket. See form at back of Bulletin.

May Day 1983

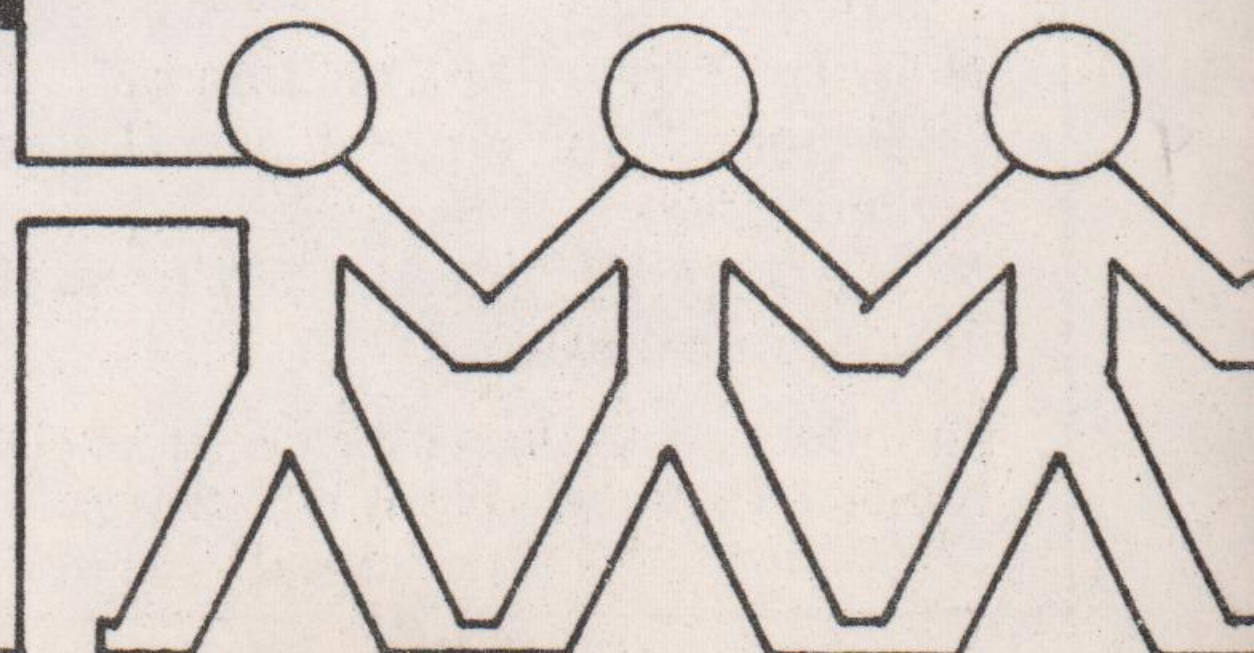
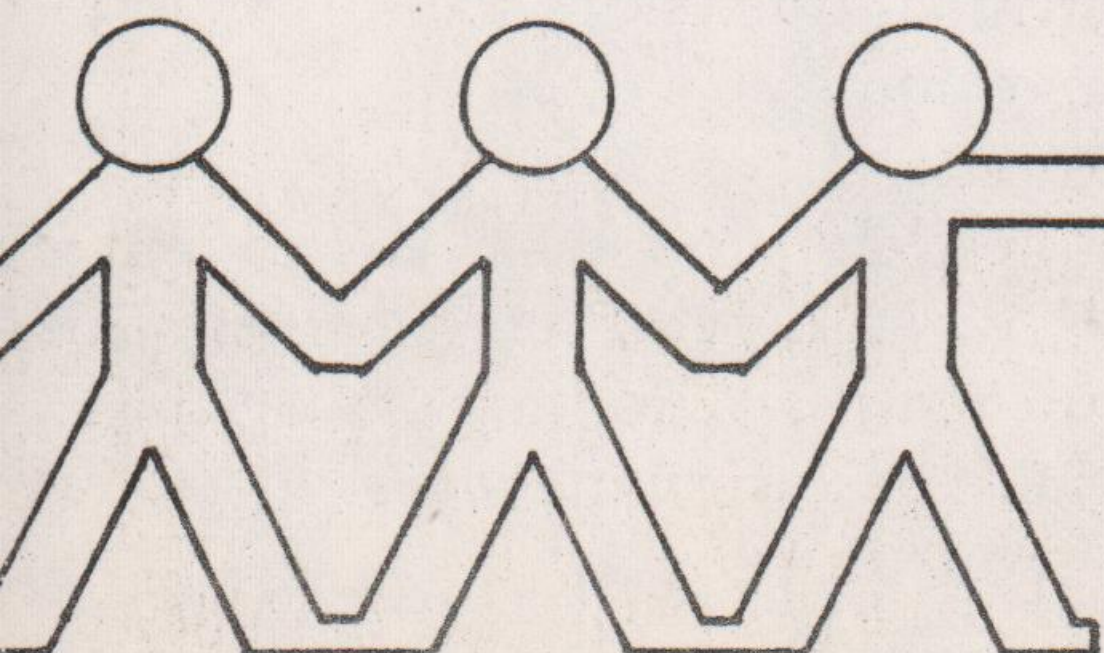
If this Bulletin is out before May 2nd., you will want some details of the "Peace and Jobs Now" anti - Cruise March and Rally. This has been organised by the Local Trades Council, with a march from Market Square, (assemble 10.30) to Queen's Walk Community Centre, where there will be speakers and various stalls. Our Cruise missile and C.N.D. band will be there. Speakers to include Alan Simpson, (Labour Party Candidate), a C.N.D. speaker and the Gen. Sec. of the N.U.R. In the evening, there will be a social at the Yorker, Mansfield Road, with live music.

Loughborough CND

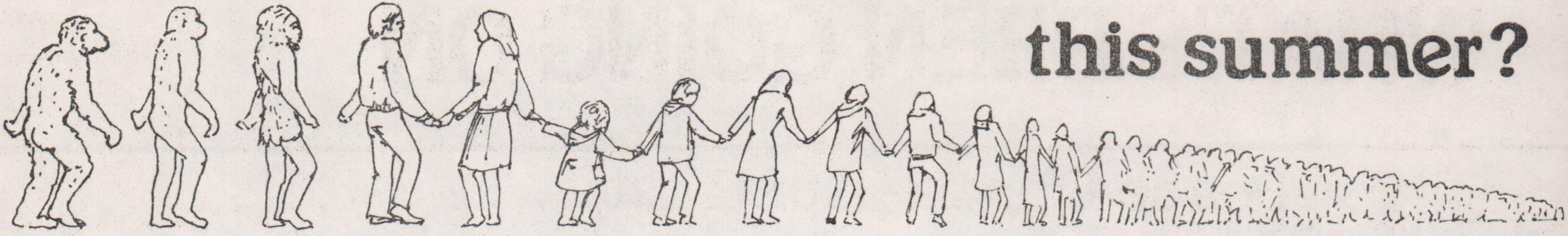
Loughborough CND are holding a rally and march on Saturday 14th May. Assembling at Southfields Park at 12.30pm, the march will set off at 1pm. The rally will be held at 3pm, back at the park. There are speakers, music and theatre lined up for the day. For further details, contact; The top flat, 20 Forest Road, Loughborough. Tel. 218150.

HUMAN CHAIN

On July 16th there will be a human chain between the S.S.A. & U.S.S.R. embassies in London. NCND will be arranging transport for people wishing to participate. See next months bulletin for further details.



A Walk for Life....what are you doing this summer?



This is a walk going from Faslane to Greenham Common, starting 19th May and reaching Greenham for Hiroshima day, August 6th. It is a walk open to anyone to join us for as long or as short a time as they wish - an hour, a day or the whole way. We will be open to the people whose area we pass through so that we can discuss the problems and issues of the nuclear debate and their solutions. A colourful walk attracts people who wouldn't see themselves as part of the peace movement, and who are intimidated or just not interested by slogan chanting marches and demonstrations, but who share our doubts and convictions about peace.

The idea for the walk originally came from the Buddhist monks and nuns at Milton Keynes, then by mutual agreement with CND was taken up by us. We are a seven people who have lived at a variety of peace camps, but are now based in London, with a telephone specifically to plan the walk. We will use all our resources, - music, theatre, workshops, leaflets, clowns, fairs, festival etc, etc... Working for peace does not require a special sort of person, it requires PEOPLE.

The walk is in Nottingham for 2 nights, the 4th and 5th of July (also Mansfield, 2nd & 3rd). We hope that during that time it can act as a catalyst to involve local groups in forming their own actions around it. Only you know what action is best for your group. There are so many possibilities; we want to create an atmosphere of excitement, but also awareness so that even if the walk is in the city centre the people in the outer regions have the same message brought to them - to think about the issues and their possible solutions.

For exchange of ideas, discussions and queries or just information, contact us in London, 31 Ickburgh Road, Clapton E5. Tel. 01-806-4615; or the NCND office.*

We look forward to coming to Nottingham and joining you.

In peace, Emily,
Walk For Life.

*We are planning to arrange various activities around the walk, including the use of Slab Square on Tuesday 5th July. We are asking for Neighbourhood Groups to organise activities for the square. The idea is for a procession from the campsite to the square, arriving about 11. am. So any activities you can arrange will be welcome. It is also planned to have activities on the evening of the 4th & 5th at the campsite. We will inform you as soon as the campsite is arranged.

CAMPAIGNERS' CONFERENCE

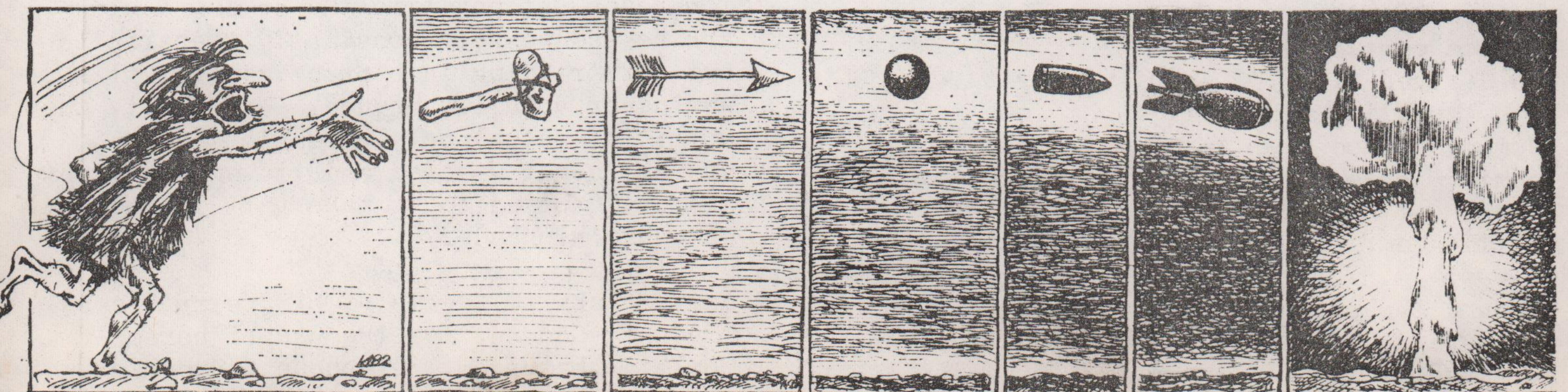
There is a campaigners' conference on Sunday, May 1st., at the Queen's Walk Community Centre, The Meadows. This will consist of a number of workshops:

Public Speaking, Groups, NVDA and Peace canvas.

Speaker on Upper Heyford Peace Camp and planned action to help promote the aims of C.N.D.

Everyone is welcome to this informal, but very useful day of "information exchange". The workshops will start at 10.30 am, and will finish at 4.30 pm, with a break for lunch at around 12.30.

Creche places are available, but please BOOK them in advance by informing the N.C.N.D. office.



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

. . Peace Chain-April 1st

What was 400 people doing standing outside the Salutation at 8.00 a.m. on Friday April 1st? Some kind of giant April fool joke? According to the coalition for Puerile Slogans, yes; according to those there, no. They were boarding coaches to take them to attempt to form a human chain 14 miles long. The attempt was successful, indeed by the time we arrived the chain was well nigh complete, but we persevered, trudged miles handing out leaflets and selling badges and eventually found our selves a place in the chain.



Photo: Andy D'Agorne.

There were about 70,000 of us, C.N.D. 'officials' on bicycles sped past exhorting us to stay in line, "it'll only be a minute before the chain is complete", in fact it took over a hour. (I expect there were too many of us) so we split into two and formed chains on both sides of the road and after a short while started doing the 'Hokey Cokey' backwards and forwards across the road. Just after 2, the flares and the balloons went up and that was it, we'd done it, 14 miles of human beings arms linked together for peace.

That over we all trudged off to the festival site, near Aldermaston, a sea of mud and a crackling P.A.

After a mixture of music and speeches, which many people did not hear, due to the field being too small to accomodate them. -There was a chaotic re-boarding of coaches for the journey home.

Rob H.

. . Blockade at Greenham

On Wednesday, 30th. March, 13 women from Nottingham CND, journeyed to Greenham Common. In preparation for our first N.V.D.A. event, we had attended a N.V.D.A. workshop; we felt it very important for us to stand together with women from all over the country. To express our support for the anti - Cruise campaign.

We arrived at 10.30 in high spirits. It was thrilling and uplifting to see the Women's Peace Camp sign and so many women coming together for a single purpose. We met the other women's groups from Nottingham. We put up our tent and so to sleep!

Around the perimeter fence are several gates and ours was the 'indigo' gate. We arrived at 9.30 am.; about fifty women in

all, of all ages and backgrounds and experiences. Many women decorated the fences with streamers, balloons, banners and the CND symbol.

While we steadfastly maintained our protest, a band of Nottingham musicians

entertained us and we sang and danced for peace. At any time the police could arrive and we were constantly prepared to put our training into practise; but it was never actually needed. Throughout, the spirit of mutual co - operation and support never wavered and it was a pleasure and an inspiration to take part in the Greenham blockade.

Jackie.

Many thanks to Maggie of 62 Cherry Trees, Greenham Common, for the use of her Toilet / bathroom, telephone and cooker.